

Appln No. 09/692,554

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-15, 17-21, 23, 27-31, 33-39, 41-44, 46, 48, 50-54, 56-60, 62, 64, 66-70, and 78-88 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 31, 39, 41, 42, 46, 48, 50, 53, 62, 64, 66, 68, 81, 85 and 86 are amended and claim 49 is cancelled.

Claims 41-42, 62, 64 and 66-70 are objected to because of informalities. In view of the amendments to claims 41-42, 62, 64, 66 and 68, it is respectfully requested that the above objections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-15, 17-21, 23, 27-31, 33-39, 41-44, 46, 48-54, 56-60, 62, 64, 66-70, and 78-88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description. In view of the amendments to the above claims, it is respectfully requested that the above rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 5-6, 39, 41-44, 48-51, 64, 66-70, and 85-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In view of the amendments to the above claims, it is respectfully requested that the above rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 27, 31, 35, 46, 48, 50, 53, 56, 64, 66, 70, 78, 79, 81-83, 87, and 88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Mark (U.S. 5,949,874), in view of Li (U.S. 6,549,587). Enclosed is a declaration by Henry Li, the inventor of the cited U.S. 6,549,587 that the presently claimed invention disclosed but not claimed in Li was derived from the inventors of this application and thus is not an invention by another. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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